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Plaintiff, proceeding <u>pro se</u> and <u>in forma pauperis</u>, filed this social security appeal by complaint dated October 21, 2019. (Doc. #2). By Order dated November 7, 2019 (Doc. #7), the Court referred this case to Magistrate Judge Lisa M. Smith for a report and recommendation. On November 14, 2019, the Court ordered defendant's counsel to file a letter by December 16, 2019, advising the Court whether the parties consented to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Smith. (Doc. #10).

To date, defendant's counsel has failed to file a letter in compliance with the Court's November 14 Order.

The Court's Order was not a suggestion.

Accordingly, the Court <u>sua sponte</u> extends to January 6, 2020, defendant's counsel time to file a letter advising the Court regarding consent to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Smith.

The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to plaintiff at the address on the docket.

Dated: December 23, 2019 White Plains, NY

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Vincent L. Briccetti

United States District Judge